exported and the countries to which these items will be exported;

(c) the details of the guidelines; and

(d) whether the decision to export defence items will affect India's image of being a non-aligned nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Export of defence items will be made, on merits of each case, to friendly countries, subject to periodical assessment of the international situation. The items to be exported will depend on the requirements of the buyers and their availability with us. Such export will, generally, be on commercial basis.

(d) No, Sir.

Licensing conditions for import of medical equipment from Japan

1360. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state·

(a) whether any notification has been issued on licensing conditions for import of medical equipment and services from Japan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Notifications regarding the licensing conditions for import of Medical Equipments and services from Japan under the Japanese Grant Aid (87-88) & (88-89) have been issued by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports. Ministry of Commerce vide their Public Notice No. 64-ITC (PN) 88—91 dated 24 October, 1988 & No. 94-ITC (PN) 88—91 dated January 1989. The notifications lay-down the Licensing Conditions and Procedure to be followed for importing equipment from Japan under the Japanese Grant in aid for Regional Cancer Centres; and for improvement of Educational Technology equipment of Indira Gandhi National Open University.

Improvement in the electronics growth

1362. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electronic industry is in a jeopardy;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the changes in the electronic policy were initiated only in 1983; and

(d) if so, what was the production of electronics goods during 1986 and to what extent it increased since then and what is the likely productinn during 1988-89 and what steps are being taken for improving the electronics growth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Electronics policy has continuously evolved since the inception of Electronics Commission and the Department. Major changes in fiscal policy were initiated in 1983.

(d) The production of Electronics goods during 1986 was worth Rs. 3460 crores which increased to Rs. 4720 crores in 1987 showing growth rate of 36.4 per cent. The production during 1988-89 will be around Rs. 7100 crores. The steps taken for improving the electronics growth are given in the enclosed statement.